

Date: Sunday, February 13, 2022

Time: 1700 to 1800 hours

Location: Microsoft TEAMS

Topic: Freedom Convoy

Commissioner Carrique

Michel Arand

Tom Berczi

Bill Fordy

Brett Flynn

Bryan MacCulloch

Bryan Mackillop

Dwight Peer

Carson Pardy

Chuck Cox

Dean Bertrim

Rose DiMarco

Don Belanger

Dwight Thib

Patricia Ferguson

Frank Providenti

Chris Harkins

Christiane Huneault

Jim MacSween

Joseph Maiorano

Bryan Larkin

Marc Andrews

Mike McDonell

Mike Pilon

Pat Morris

The meeting objective will be for intelligence and information sharing, to assist with informing local decision making and identifying opportunities for strategic collaboration. The intent is not to make operational decisions, or provide operational direction. It is to ensure that information and structures are in place to assist with joint decision making amongst affected police services.

Agenda

1. Status of ongoing & upcoming Demonstrations

Police Service of Jurisdiction Roundtable

Ottawa-

Peter Sloly- last 48 hours series of negotiations with connections into the main convoy. Negotiated settlement being evaluated. Encampments would move out of Ottawa area into OPP area. Shuttle buses would bring them back into the city to demonstrate, without their tractor trailers.

Trish Ferguson- Ottawa- less than 50 pp on Parliament hill currently. 2000 around the streets of Elgin/ Sussex. Fence around cenotaph taken down by veterans. A few who stood guard for a number of hours. Have not tried to put it back up- monitoring that. QRT will respond if required.

Continued unified presence with RCMP/ OPP. Supported by POU and PLT teams. 2 counter protests today; 1 outside our station. OPP closed 2 off ramps to prevent them coming into the protest area.

1 convoy posted they'd be leaving the staging area and going to downtown area. Has been blocked.

Focus will be ensuring we have solid traffic plan to assist those leaving the city safely. Working on emergency measures act- legal reviewed- so members aware of what charges are applicable. Will use discretion- PLT to be engaged/ consulted. Have an area that are more volatile- working on POU plans- will be redeploying of resources as the plan changes.

Commissioner- may have opportunity to make progress. Good news- POU working group / hubs on the call to assist if required.

Fort Frances-

Chief McKillop- 230 protestors at 6am. Created frozen zone around the border and limited protestors to 1 lane. Some traffic back up- OMG present but able to handle.

Cornwall- nil

Toronto-

Chief Ramer not available- Peter Moreira- 100 protestors in Niagara were being monitored.

Niagara-

Brett Flynn- released members around midnight last night – few protestors and unorganized.

Rohan Thompson- suggestion to do it after midnight to facilitate gradual traffic back to Fort Erie. Between our CIC and NRPS- suggest some additional resources if attempt to block the bridge occurs.

Windsor-

Pam Mizuno- able to take back Huron/Church road today. Approximately 12 arrested. Vehicles towed and tickets issued. 30 more protestors on side road- POU deployed to handle them- a few more arrested. Hardening on Huron/ Church Road. Putting jersey barriers in. Will get the bridge open as fast as we can.

Bluewater Bridge- Sarnia

Dwight Thib- traffic moving smoothly- significant uniform presence there. Some chatter on SM that convoy was coming from Windsor to BW Bridge. Chatter disorganized as was the convoy- didn't occur.

Both lanes open with EDR in place.

Member of the farmer group reached out to our PLT today- first time- what it would look like if they moved off the highway and changed strategy to elsewhere – not on tractors. Have a plan ready to go. May need POU support if negotiations fail.

CBSA- nil

National Picture- RCMP-

Michel Arcand

BC- some conflict but no arrests made.

AB- Pacific hwy port of entry suspended service- traffic redirected.

Coutts- service suspended- largest port of entry for AB. Govt looking at injunction.

MN- remains blocked by farm equipment/ tractor trailers- ongoing negotiations.

Weather is a factor (major blizzard)

All other ports of entry are open.

NB- small incidents occurring. 2 arrests

PEI- movement of people- convoy trying to move to Confederation Bridge- not successful.

2. Intelligence Briefing

Superintendent Pat Morris, Provincial Operations Intelligence Bureau, OPP

Significant decline in social media of reliable information.

Had UC / online UCs- are not successful currently so not getting information. Need to go different avenue.

Want to talk about the ongoing criminal investigations. Potential with OPS and RCMP moving forward with judicial authorizations for conspiracy to commit mischief investigations.

Source recruitment- exploring

Peter Sloly- agree- our intel dried up 3 days ago. Difficult to predict. Getting some intel that there is potential for CEWs in the crowd and firearms embedded in the convoys. If you can assist with that.

Bear Spray- preventative efforts- have reached CAOs of local stores (CDN Tire, Cabella's) pulled the product until this is over.

Pat Morris- grass roots element- these groups existed before Covid- huge anti-government element to this component. There are officers that are part of these movements – a lot of support that we need to look at internally and be cognizant of.

Firearm investigation in Peterborough- over 3000 firearms stolen in T/T. We have not seen anything to relate to this- no linkages. Moving forward with more authorizations and surveillance. Meeting with CIB tomorrow.

3. Hub Co-ordination of Police Resources

Status of weekend support activities

Superintendent Mike McDonell, OPP, Superintendent Tom Berczi, Waterloo Regional Police Service, A/S/Superintendent Peter Moreira & Superintendent Shaun Narine, Toronto Police Service

Tom Berczi- West region chair- WRPS and LPS in Windsor. Will be reduced to 2 sections- relieved tomorrow morning.
OPP POU in Windsor. Hamilton attending tomorrow for support.

Shaun Narine- PRPS returned/ on standby. Plan for integrated team- 120 members to be identified to be deployed to assist OPS.
Suggestion to Pat to reach out internationally- for chat channels to monitor.

Round Table

Michel Arcand- to Pat- chat across country or just Ontario?

Pat- specific to Ottawa- but also to RCMP / CSIS to follow up with on 1:1 basis. Want to discuss how they view other individuals.

Arcand- talk to our national security investigation- they may have link there and Matt Pegg. See if we can identify someone to discuss with you. On international component will reach out to flag and look at the cyber side.

1538hr end call.